

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1 and 2 (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) ~~The chain tensioner of claim 1~~ A chain tensioner comprising:
a housing formed with a cylinder chamber;
a plunger slidably mounted in said cylinder chamber;
a spring mounted in said cylinder chamber and biasing said plunger outwardly of said
cylinder chamber; and
a retraction restrictor provided between said housing and said plunger for preventing said
plunger from retracting toward a closed end of said cylinder chamber over a predetermined
distance;
wherein said housing is formed with an oil supply passage communicating with a
pressure chamber defined in said cylinder chamber behind said plunger, whereby pushing force
applied to said plunger is dampened by hydraulic oil supplied through said oil supply passage
into said pressure chamber;
wherein an axially elongated guide recess is formed in an outer periphery of said plunger;
wherein said housing is provided with a stopper pin near an open end of said cylinder
chamber, said stopper pin being partially disposed in said guide recess; and
wherein said housing is formed with a pin hole extending across the outer periphery of
said cylinder chamber near said open end of said cylinder chamber, said stopper pin being
pressed in said pin hole.

Claims 4 and 5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The chain tensioner of claim 3-~~3~~3, wherein said stopper pin is a
spring pen pin.

7. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 3, wherein said pin hole intersects a radius of said cylinder chamber substantially at a right angle.

8. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 7, wherein
said guide recess is constituted by an axially elongated section of said outer periphery of said plunger, said recessed section being radially recessed relative to other portions of said outer periphery at each axial location along an axial direction of said plunger.

9. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 8, wherein
said guide recess has axially opposite front and rear end walls, each of said front and rear end walls defining a step portion.

10. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 9, wherein said stopper pin is a spring pin.

11. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 8, wherein said stopper pin is a spring pin.

12. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 7, wherein
said guide recess has axially opposite front and rear end walls, each of said front and rear end walls defining a step portion.

13. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 12, wherein said stopper pin is a spring pin.

14. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 7, wherein said stopper pin is a spring pin.

15. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 3, wherein

said guide recess is constituted by an axially elongated section of said outer periphery of said plunger, said recessed section being radially recessed relative to other portions of said outer periphery at each axial location along an axial direction of said plunger.

16. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 15, wherein
said guide recess has axially opposite front and rear end walls, each of said front and rear end walls defining a step portion.

17. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 16, wherein said stopper pin is a spring pin.

18. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 15, wherein said stopper pin is a spring pin.

19. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 3, wherein
said guide recess has axially opposite front and rear end walls, each of said front and rear end walls defining a step portion.

20. (New) The chain tensioner of claim 19, wherein said stopper pin is a spring pin.